

March 19, 2014

Re: Sunday Bowhunting Bill No. 5080

Members of the Environmental Committee:

I am writing in support of Bill No. 5080 an act concerning deer management programs on private property and authorizing bow and arrow hunting on private property on Sundays.

I have been very involved with this issue for 3 years. Having read all the testimonies on-line, it appears to me that little has changed since last year. Testimony from both sides of the issue has changed very little, if at all, with little or no "new" ideas being presented from either side. Meanwhile, the deer herd has continued to grow with no real management changes for many years. I feel you must agree that Sunday bowhunting would be a step in the right direction . How large a step? We won't really know until we implement it. Lets at least give it a chance and re-evaluate it effects on the herd size.

In closing, I urge you to honor all the long hours and hard work from all the private citizens, committee members, legislatures and staff by passing this bill thru the committee and onto the House and Senate floors for a vote. It is time to move the bill forward and take a vote. Let the peoples voices be heard.

Sincerely,

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